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In re Application of :  
Delong et al. :  
Application No. 09/774,557 :  
Filed: January 31, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. 7998 :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 13, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

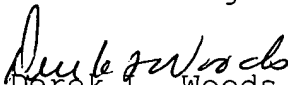
This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed March 5, 2003. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on June 6, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 6, 2003.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). An Amendment in response to the March 5, 2003 Office action is filed with the instant petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1616 for processing of the Amendment, filed November 13, 2003, in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

  
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